

In response to this election requirement, Applicant elects the embodiment of Fig. 4 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 18 are readable on the elected species.

The office action further indicates that claim 1 is currently generic. Applicant also notes that claim 2 is generic to the species of both Figure 1 and Figure 4.

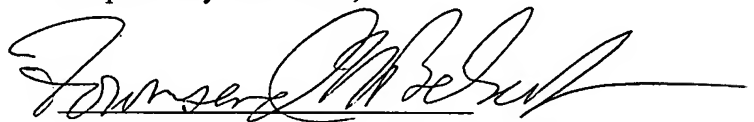
Accompanying this Response is a Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address in favor of the undersigned attorney. Also accompanying this Response is a Petition for a five (5) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

It is not believed that an extension of time or any fees, other than those presented herewith, are required. However, in the event that further extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and any additional fees required for consideration of this paper, including fees for the net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 080719. If any designated extension fees, or other designated fees, are not required or are in excess of the amount required, the Director is hereby authorized to credit any such overpayment to Deposit Account No. 080719.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8) I hereby certify that this Amendment in Response to Office Action is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, along with a postcard receipt, on December 18, 2006.

